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In re application of:
Krieger et al.

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Serial No. 09/489,293 .

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For: HYDRODYNAMIC SPINDLE
MOTOR SEALING TECHNIQUE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 20, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

✓ **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

✓ On page 3, line 33, change "22" to - 10 - .

Please replace paragraph 5, beginning on page 3, lines 25 – 33 and continuing onto page 4, lines 5 - 15, with the following paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 1, especially the left-hand side thereof, the basic elements of a typical spindle motor includes a fixed shaft 10 which supports for rotation a sleeve 12 having a hub or the like 14 which has a flange 16 capable of supporting one or more disc for rotation thereon. A thrust plate 20 is supported at one end of the shaft, with the hydrodynamic bearing or bearings 22

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